

diminished, research by my staff indicates that a multitude of covert practices have been sustained and in many cases heightened over the past few years. Members of the Bahá'í community continue to be subject to various forms of harassment including arbitrary arrest and short-term detainment, confiscation of their public and private property, and disruption of their educational and religious gatherings. Moreover, the Bahá'í community continues to be deprived of many rights such as the right to elect their leaders, assemble as a community, access higher education, acquire government employment, receive due legal process, and practice the faith of their preference. As of June of this year, four Bahá'í practitioners were in Iranian prisons solely because of their religious beliefs: one on charges of apostasy who is serving a life sentence, one on charges of participation in Bahá'í activities who is serving four years, and two on charges of associations with Bahá'í institutions who have been sentenced to 15 years of imprisonment. This was unacceptable in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries and it certainly is unacceptable in the 21st century.

I would like to emphasize the idea of religious freedom because I strongly feel that each human being should have the right to choose and practice the faith of his or her choice. Iran has traditionally been designated a Country of Particular Concern in the Congressionally-mandated annual report as required by the International Religious Freedom Act. But, rather than being satisfied that the Government of Iran is reprimanded in this report, we need to take proactive steps to publicize the continued mistreatment of the Bahá'í faithful in Iran and to urge the Government of Iran to make the necessary changes. Legislation such as this is an important first step, but we must also work with others, including the European Union, to push for this objective. This legislation urges that the Administration do just that.

I would also like to take this opportunity to bring to the Senate's attention two related pieces of legislation, both of which I have joined as a co-sponsor. The first is S. Res. 244 submitted by Senator BOXER that congratulates Shirin Ebadi for winning the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize and commending her for a lifetime of work promoting democracy and human rights. Shirin Ebadi is a very courageous woman who has risked her life to advocate for universal human rights and on many occasions specifically advocated equal rights for the Bahá'í community in Iran. I commend her global efforts and encourage the spreading of her convictions in order to attain a world of equal rights for all.

The second related piece of legislation that I am co-sponsoring is S. Con. Res. 73 submitted by Senator FEINSTEIN that expresses Congress's deep concerns over Iran's apparent efforts to de-

velop nuclear weapons in contravention of its Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty obligations and urging international pressure on Iran to abandon its nuclear weapons program. I am aware of the progress that has been made in recent days with the Iranian government's statements of intended cooperation with both the International Atomic Energy Agency's request that Iran sign an additional protocol to the Non-Proliferation Treaty and the recent negotiations involving the European Union but I remain wary of their actual intentions and I believe that we should not rest until the words that have been spoken have been followed up with concrete action.

Iran needs to be aware that it must make significant changes in the way it treats its own population and in the manner in which it conducts itself internationally if it wants to become a respected member on the world stage. These requests include but are not limited to cooperating with the European Union and potentially the United Nations, dealing appropriately with the infiltration of suspected terrorists and criminals along their border, halting all forms of terrorist support, cooperating with the U.S. and others on suspected terrorists and intelligence in conjunction with the global war on terror, and especially to provide human rights for each man, woman, and child in Iran regardless of creed or color. Iran must alter their enduring ways in order to earn international respect and to create better lives for all Iranians. A world where Iran is a respected and integral participant, where its inhabitants can co-exist and pursue happiness without constraint is not beyond our grasp but it will take continued focus and determination. I urge passage of the Bahá'í Emancipation Act of 2003 and recommend this administration to use all of the tools in its diplomatic toolbox to work through the United Nations, the IAEA, and with our friends and allies to strongly advise the government of Iran to exploit its full potential as a member of the international community.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED & PROPOSED

SA 2030. Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1904, An act to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape, and for other purposes.

SA 2031. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. REID, and Ms. CANTWELL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1904, supra.

SA 2032. Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. BIDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2800, making appropriations for foreign oper-

ations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2033. Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. REED, Mr. HARKIN, and Ms. SNOWE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1904, An act to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2034. Mr. BROWNBACK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1904, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2035. Mr. BINGAMAN proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1904, supra.

SA 2036. Mr. BINGAMAN proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1904, supra.

SA 2037. Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1904, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2038. Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. JEFFORDS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1904, supra.

SA 2039. Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DURBIN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1904, supra.

SA 2040. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1904, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2041. Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. SANTORUM) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1904, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2042. Mr. BINGAMAN proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1904, supra.

SA 2043. Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. REID) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1904, supra.

SA 2044. Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. HARKIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1904, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2045. Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. DURBIN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1904, supra.

SA 2046. Mr. COCHRAN proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1904, supra.

SA 2047. Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. LEAHY) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2800, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

SA 2048. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2800, supra.

SA 2049. Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2800, supra.

SA 2050. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. STEVENS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2800, supra.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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